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>> KELLY: Well, I found out about orientation through Albany Youth Build, which is where I did my GED, right upstairs actually. And then I went to the orientation and I really liked it, so I decided to sign right up. Miss Maggie definitely anything we needed extra help on she was there, she explained everything, broke it down. Everybody pretty much knew exactly what was going on in the class. Nobody was behind. She was an awesome teacher. . Like I've never had a teacher teach like her. She was really patient with us, and the way she taught, I don't know, she just had this, like, way of teaching and explaining things that you just got it right then.

Well that was definitely hard. So I usually get up at like 5:00, 5:30, and, you know, I have to get my son ready for school. You know, I bring him to school by 7:40 and I'll finish getting ready to come here. Parking was -- kind of hard to find parking out there.

>>MAGGIE: Well first I found out that Kelly had some personal issues with a sick parent, and my heart went out to her, and it drew me closer to her because I would see her come to class every day, then I found out she had a beautiful little six-year-old boy.

>>KELLY: Four.

>> MAGGIE: Four. I'm close.

>>KELLY: It's okay.

>> MAGGIE: And I saw her, she'd be on time, she would work, she was cheerful with the others. You just didn't understand or know she had this burden to bear. I just cannot tell you the reward of teaching people like Kelly who want to learn, try really hard, and watch them grow and develop into a CNA is an awesome experience.

>> KELLY: Homework was kind of hard too, because we had three, four hours of home work a night, and then, you know, coming home with my son, he's four years old, you know, he wants to play and I need home work done, so, you know, having to do dinner. And I ended up getting him one of those little iPads for kids, so he would lay next to me and study his numbers and letters, and I'd be studying mine, and that's really the only way that I could get things done because he just wanted to play, so my schedule was all over the place, make sure I had babysitters and things in place, because there's no way I could have missed any of these classes.

I work 4:00 to 9:00 at night, so I would, you know, get out of school, start doing my homework. Sometimes I would bring my homework to work with me, and then I'd be doing work. I actually worked as a Pizza place, and it's very many busy. You know, I did my homework there and I did my homework at 9:00 and I would put my son to bed, and I'd be up until about 12:00 o'clock at night doing homework, so that was hard.

It's a great program. Definitely I would do it. It's worth it. It really is. You know, it's only a seven-week class, you know, HCAP, which is HPOG, they help you, you know, get ready for jobs and interviews, and we do mock interviews to practice, and they help you dress for success and, you know, help you get ready for that.

I would say my son, because, you know, I want to give him for, you know, things like that, but at the end of the day, I also really enjoy working with the elderly. That's, like, really what I want to

do, so it's not just, you know, I need a job, but I actually enjoy it, and I think that's the important part of, you know, wanting to have a career, because you don't just want a paycheck, you want to help people and be there and, you know, somebody needs to help them.